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FIGHT REMOVAL.

Laborer-Historian Ready to Engage Counsel.

AWAITING COMMISSION'S RESPONSE.

If Civil Service Authorities Support His Contention He Will Contest President's Right to Order His Discharge.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25 .- Edgar S. Maclag. the laborer-historian who has figured in the Schley controversy, was playing the role of Santa Claus last night at his home, 1224 Hancock Street, Brooklyn, when informed that President Roosevel had removed him from his position in the Navy Yard. When told of this action, he

Purity of Service at Stake.

"Although it is not unexpected I was not sure that President Roosevelt would go to such an extreme. I have not yet been notified of my removal, but if it is so, President Roosevelt has violated one of the very principles he advocated so strongly. The purity of the Civil Service is at stake when one man, no matter how high he may be in official life, can remove an employe classified under the Civil service and give no reason for it.

"At present I do not know what I will lo and until I hear from the Civil Ser vice Commission I cannot say what my plans will be-

Two Questions Asked.

"I sent a letter to that body today, ask ng them two questions. One of them is: 'Can the President of the United States lemand the resignation of a civil service

"The second is: 'If so, can the President discharge in employe without a hearing?"

"Of course I will have to abide by the inswer I receive from Washington. The Civil Service Commission is appointed by he President and can be removed by him. To Report as Usual.

"In any event I will go to my desk Phursday morning in the Storekeeper' Department at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, is usual. If I am notified by Admiral Baker that I have been dismussed I will simply walk out, but I will demand to mow the reason of my discharge.

"I do not know that I have violated any rule, and if I have I would like to be told of it. Of course I will not regret the loss of the position. I will continue with my historical work after my removal from the

Anxious to Test Case. Later, in speaking to a friend, Mr. Ma-

"The news of my discharge is a surprise. I really thought that the matter would go over until after the holidays at

"With my present understanding of the Civil Service law, I am of the opinion that the President has gone beyond his

"To me it seems that the case involves all employes under the head of the National Civil Service. I shall wait until I hear from the Commission, and, if the reorable, I will engage counsel and \$1,000.

fight the case. "This question has never before been "I'VE KILLED MY

KLINGLER'S DEATH ACCIDENTAL.

Coroner to Issue Such Certificate and Send Body to Schenectady.

The efforts of the police to identify the body of the woman who was found dead in a room with a male companion at the el Lyons, 906 Pennsylvania Avenue northwest, have so far proved unavailing

northwest, have so far proved unavailing. Her companion's body, which was identified as that of George A. Klingler, will be shipped to Schenectady, N. Y., where a mother, sister, and brother reside.

Coroner Nevitt, who is investigating the case, doubts the necessity of holding an inquest. Unless further facts are brought to his attention he will issue a certificate of death by accidental asphyxiation in both cases. The bodies now lie at the morsue, but that of the man will probably morgue, but that of the man will probably be removed this afternoon to the under-taking establishment of J. William Lee, where it will be prepared for shipment

Letters found among his effects signed "Your Sister Lena" and "Brother Will" indicated that he was expecting to leave Washington about this time to return to the old home to live with his relatives. A place had been provided for him, and he was to have gone to work in Schenectady on the first of the new year. Captain Beardman received a telegran

PREHISTORIC CAVE FOUND.

Interesting Discovery Made Upon a Farm in Wisconsin.

LACROSSE, Wis., Dec. 25 .- A cave, be lieved, by its crude drawings, trinkets, and pottery, to be the work of cave dwellers or prehistoric races of people, ha been discovered on the farm of David Samuels, a few miles east of Lacrosse. The cave is a natural formation of solid white sandstone, and upon its walls pic-tures and hieroglyphic characters of an ancient type were found. There are four distinct layers of ashes. Indicating four occupancies.

The weapons are of bone, and crudely

It is believed that the last occupancy was not less than 170 years ago, and that between this and the first there was an inable lapse of time, probably fif-

Shooting in Cumberland, Md. CUMBERLAND, Md., Dec. 25 .- William Cunningham was probably fatally shot here last night by John Hopcraft, saloonkeeper, in a dispute over twentyfive cents. It is alleged that Cunningham claimed change from the proprietor, and Hopecraft refused to give it. Cunning-ham, it is said, ran into the street. John Richey held Hopecraft who'had a revolv-er. Hopecraft escaped from Richey's grasp and went for Cunningham, shooting

FEMALE SANTA CLAUS BURNED.

Horrible Accident in a New York Hospital.

NEW YORK Doc 95 - Wadeline Sam. ons, a nurse in the Laura Franklin Free Hospital for Children, while acting the part of Santa Claus before the children last night, got too near a tiny candle, and her dress of cotton batting caught fire. She was horrible burned and died this

The sick children whom the nurse wa entertaining were thrown into a panic. Blankets were thrown about the burnng woman, but the action was too lat

RALLYING IN HIS LAST FIGHT.

General Sewell's Great Vitality Surprises His Physicians.

CAMDEN, N. J., Dec. 25.—The wonderful vitality of United States Senator Wiliam J. Sewell, who is lying critically ill at his home, on Cooper Street, Camden, s surprising to his physicians. Three or our times he has had sinking spells, when it was believed that the end was near, but he rallied.

Yesterday afternoon the Senator had nother attack which weakened him con siderably, but he rallied and Dr. H. Genet Taylor said there was no occasion for alarm regarding his condition.

NEW YORK FINDS THIS XMAS HAPPY

GENEROUS GIVING THE ORDER

Thousands of Dollars Expended to Make the Day Memorable to the City's Unfortunates.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Christmas Day ppened with a gleam of sunshine and with every promise of rain before the close of the day.

The citizens observed the day quietly The Christmas trees were well decorated even in the tenement districts, the news papers and philanthropists contributing

Newspaper Fund \$300,000.

One newspaper alone provided \$300,00 to the poor children from a fund contribted by the public, besides providing man hearty meal for overworked mother who had no hope of making the day hap

Another newspaper provided for man poor, from a public fund. Christmas services were held in man

Helen Gould's Philanthropy.

Miss Helen Gould provided for many of he children in the hospitals, while the Salvation Army gave a big feast for the poor in one of the big halls of the city. Other societies also provided, so that New York's poor were well taken care of.
Wall Street folk have reason to be
happy today. Nearly everyone in the big
banking and brokerage district received

A \$50,000 Token.

The largest, probably, was a check for \$50,000 given to Fred P. Olcott, President of the Central Trust Company, by the directors of that company.

John P. Rockefeller gave gifts to all is employes. The amounts were treated

as condential.

The New York Stock Exchange distributed \$150,000 among the 350 clerks, messengers, and doorkeepers. The Coffee Exchange gave its employe

WIFE." HE SAID.

NEW YORKER SURPRISES OFFICER

Investigation Shows the Declara tion to Be True-Unfaithfulness Inspired the Murder.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.-John Bell rusher up to a policeman at the corner of DESPERATE MEASURE Broadway and Saratoga Avenue, Brooklyn, this morning and shouted:

"I have killed my wife." When the officer went to the scene he ound the body of Mrs. Bell with a bulet hole in her head.

There were evidences of a terrible truggle. Bell says he killed his wife because he believed her untrue.

FIRE ENGINE OVERTURNED. Responding to a Call When Acci.

dent Occurred.

While responding to an alarm of fire rom box 243 shortly before midnight last night, in trying to avoid a collision with passing vehicle, which had disregarded he warning bell, No. 7 engine ran against the curb at Fourteenth and R Streets northwest and was upset. No one was njured and but slight damage was done

the engine. The fire proved to be a small one, in volving only \$25 damage. It started from unknown origin at 1439 Q Street northwest, and was confined to the room in which it was discovered. The building is owned by E. F. Brady and occupied by

A VICTIM OF APOPLEXY.

J. H. Turner Dies Suddenly Without Medical Aid.

John H. Turner died suddenly of ano olexy last night. He was forty-five years of age and lived at 226 A Street south east. The Coroner was notified and will give a certificate of death from natural

Mr. Turner was out walking about o'clock. Feeling faint, he entered the frug store at Second Street and Pennsyl-rania Avenue southeast, where he became unconscious before medical aid could

reach him. The police of the Fifth precinct were notified and, placing the man in the patrol wagon, hurried him to his home, where he died shortly afterward.

Improved Service West, B. & O. R. R. grasp and went for Cunningham, shooting him.

Under recent change of schedule train leaving Washington 6:20 p. m. (daily) arrives in Chicago in time to connect with "crack" trains of western roads, including "Overland Limited" and "California Limited," giving quick service to all Pacific Coast and inter-nediate points. Also Seventh Street, Friday, 6:30 p. m. See ad.page 7.

BELIEVE END OF GEN. ALGERNEAR

Bad Symptoms Have Appeared in His Case.

EXTREME APPREHENSION TODAY

Detroit Physicians Think That the Ex-Secretary Cannot Live Much Longer -- Patient Sustained by Liquid Injections.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 25,-The first bad mptoms in Gen. Russell A. Alger's case ince the operation appeared yesterday afternoon. He vomited and his tempera-

llow him nothing to eat for at least During the night his temperature reeded. This morning it was 99.9, with the

On consultation, the doctors decided to

"Today is a day of extreme apprehenon," said Dr. Jennings, "and General alger's condition must remain critical for

week longer." The general himself is cheerful, and the hought that he may not recover never nters his head.

The seat of operation was in such close oximity to the stomach that it is inamed, and is not yet in a condition to ceive nourishment. Up to this time he as been sustained by liquid injections. In view of the alarming symptoms, all the daily papers have in type biographies of the general, with illustrations. The feeling in newspaper offices is that he end cannot be very far off.

MRS. McKINLEY IN IMPROVED HEALTH

BETTER NOW THAN FOR YEARS.

Has Taken Much Interest in Recent Visits by Relatives and Friends of Long Standing.

CANTON, Ohio, Dec. 25 .- Mrs. McKin ey, in the opinion of her Canton relaes, is in better condition today than the has been for a number of years. And what pleases them still more is their observation that her mental condition is etter than at any time since the death

During the past tew weeks she has been friends of long standing, and in these visits she showed real interest and en-

The weather for a month or two has revented the outdoor exercise that furnished her diversion during the early days of her bereavement, but the calls of old riends have largely compensated for the

Mrs. McKinley has sent Christmas reembrances to many friends and has 1e ceived many remembrances. She has deided to spend all the day at the old home.

THE QUEEN SENDS GIFTS.

Children of the Incurable Hospital the Recipients. LONDON Dec. 25.-The condition of Queen Alexandra continues to improve to-

Notwithstanding her indisposition her Majesty sent a present to each patient in the Cheyn Hospital for Incurable Children. She personally addressed each par-

There was a private service in the chapel of Marlborough House today. The King and Princess Victoria were present.

el "for my little children of Cheyn Hos-

PREVENTS A WRECK.

AN ENGINEER'S COOL COURAGE.

By Opening Throttle Wide He Plows Through an Obstructing Herd of Cattle to Safety.

KANSAS, III., Dec. 25 .- The fast train of the Big Four system, the Southwestern Limited, plunged through a herd o 200 cattle here yesterday, but through the presence of mind of the engineer, William White, escaped what appeared to be cer

Train Filled With Passengers.

The train consisted of eight coaches, all filled with holiday passengers, and was going at sixty miles an hour when it started on the down grade at Baber's tock farm. Looking ahead, White was norrified to see a great herd of cattle ust starting across the track.

To stop the train was out of the question, and to slow up meant an increased langer. White knew that his only hope

lay in getting enough speed to send his train through the mass. He threw tha trottle wide open and the train struck the herd at terrific speed. Cattle Whirled in Air.

The engine plowed through the cattle. hrowing the animals high in the air. The pilot of the locomotive was torn off, as were the steps of the coaches, and the rain for its entire length was splashed with blood. The great speed attained party ented the train from leaving the track, nd no one suffered from the peculiar ac-ident but the unfortunate cattle. Had White not acted promptly there he whole train might have been de-

via Scaboard Air Line Railway, commencing Jan-uary 14. The Florida and Metropolitan Limited, composed of Pullman drawing room sleepers, com-partment cars, dining cars and observation car, will run daily to St. Augustine without change. Office 1434 New York Avenue.

VENEZUELAN INTERNAL CRISIS.

Castro May Be Deposed If Expected Cargo of Arms Is Landed.

To a large extent the fate of the exsting government in Venezuela headed by President Castro depends upon the sucss or failure of a British steamer to land its cargo. Ban Righ is the name of he vessel, and its cargo consists of guns and ammunition intended for the use of the revolutionary party under General Luciano Mendoza, who, with a number of influential men rebelled Thursday against President Castro.

This morning's despatches from Port au Prince, on the island of Martinique nounce the arrival there of the Ban Righ and that Senor Matos, one of the revolutionary leaders, has gone thither to neet her. Castro, however, has been informed by his consuls in Europe to the effect that she has been carrying arms for the rebels and his officials at every Venezuelan port have been warned to watch out for her arrival and seize her if

If she can elude the vigilance of these fficials and land her carge and get it distributed among the insurgents the result will probably be the overthrow of President Castro's Government. There are men enough ready to revolt, but they need arms and that is why the fate of the Ban Righ's cargo is of so much importance

In other respects the South American nany, it is reported, is gathering quite fleet to support her demands upon Venereached Porto Cabello; the Vinto sailed outh from Newport News a week ago,: and the Moltke, the Stein, and the Geiers are already in South American waters.

On the other hand, the United States is well prepared to look after interests here. Three battleships, the Kearsarge, Mabama, and Massachusetts are at Harana; the Buffalo is at Port Au Spain; the Trinidad is at San Juan; the Marletta at Colon; the Indiana at Guantanamo; the Essex at St. Kitts, and the Mononga-hela at Barbados. The United States is therefore well prepared to meet any emergency that may present itself.

MEN GET INCREASED PAY.

Philadelphia Traction Company Surprises Its Employes.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 25.—An increase n wages is the Christmas surprise furshed by the Union Traction Company o every conductor and motorman in its

The company has posted this bulletin: The company has posted this outcomen and onductors of this company will be nine-teen cents per hour, to date from January 1, 1962.

JOHN B. PARSONS,

"President"

rprise to the men. Recently there was much agitation among the men, a number of whom advocated a strike for highe wages. A general meeting of employes was held and they voted against a strike. The increase in wages will cost the Union Traction Compray an additional \$350,000 a year and will affect nearly 5,000

FOUR PEOPLE PERISH ON A BURNING BOAT

DISASTER AT MEMPHIS TODAY.

Mississippi River Steamer, With Fifteen Passengers Aboard, Con-One Drowned.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 25 .- Fire broke out on the boiler deck of the steame Sun, owned by Phillips & Brenner of this city, and plying between Memphis and Fulton, in the harbor here at an early

our this morning.

She was burned to the water's edge, eing a complete loss with the exception of the hull. There were fifteen passengers on board

Three of these were burned to death, and nother, an infant, is missing. istance that identification was possible only through the jewelry worn. The boat vas valued at \$10,000; insurance \$5,000.

The dead are: D. M. REINEY and WIFE, of Old Riv-MRS. G. M. TIMBS, Richardson's Land

The baby of Mrs. Timbs is missing and is supposed to have been drowned.

CAPTAIN LORD STILL MISSING.

Police Expect Results When Descrip. tive Circulars Are Distributed.

The detectives who are working on the ase have but little hope of getting in formation concerning the whereabouts of Capt. T. W. Lord until the circulars which are being prepared are distributed.

There has been some delay in having these circulars finished owing to the inability to have the printing done on Christmas Day. As soon as they are received from the printer they will be hurried out into the surrounding country and as widely circulated as possible.

The circular will be most explicit in the description of the retired army officer and will contain an excellent picture of him. Ever since the police were notified that Captain Lord had disappeared from his home, 937 New York Avenue, last Friday, under circumstances which caused his friends to fear that he contemplated sui-

cide, they have worked long and faithfully upon the case, but have been unable to get any trace as to the missing man's whereabouts. Encouraged by the reward of \$100 of fered by Col. T. R. Marshall, of the Losekam, for information leading to the find-ing of his missing friend, a number of ing the country in hopes of earning the

FIREMEN NARROWLY ESCAPE. Conflagration in New York Today

Almost Proves Fatal.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25 .- One fireman wa overcome and about a dozen others had narrow escapes from death this morning Streets, which called five fire companies to the fifth floor, occupied by the Bell Manufacturing Company.

Smoke and flames surrounded the firemen when they got to the fire escapes. Peter Cahill was overcome and had to be sent to the hospital.

A defective flue caused the blaze, which caused \$5,000 damage. Policeman Donar

discovered it.

PRESIDENT AS SANTA CLAUS

Roosevelt Children Make Merry at Home.

WHITE HOUSE RINGS WITH JOLLITY,

Gorgeous Presents For All of the Family Come From Near and Far-A Trip on the Dolphin Tomorrow.

The White House awoke early this forning. The children vied with each other in an attempt to see which could arise the earliest and be the first to the mantel in the hall where six stockings hung in a row. Just who was first on the scene would be hard to tell, for there was a rush of feet all at once, long be fore the sun peeped over the Capitoldome The shouts of happy children range through the mansion and awoke the President and Mrs. Roosevelt. They were no far behind the children then in arising ituation is not much changed today. Ger- If the expressed exuberance was any criterion of their feelings, Santa Claus, in the shape of father and mother, numer The German cruiser Falke has ous relatives and acquaintances, had certainly done himself proud.

> The youngsters were so excited over their presents that they could bardly be gifts long enough to eat breakfast. There

were enough gifts to stock whole stores. Presents the Children Received.

Perhaps nobody was more pleased wit his share of the Yuletide loot than Archi bald. A long cherished dream of Archie' was realized when he beheld a bicycle just the right size to fit his diminuti figure. Archie at once gave vent to hi exultation by a series of war whoop which startled the attendants all over th house. He at once mounted the whee and rode the length of the long hall and then back again. He even suggested tha he be allowed to take the new bicycle down in the East Room and ride it there and to protests he argued that it wa clean and would not spoil the carpet o lo any harm at all.

Theodore, ir., received a fine gun which he will find useful on the trip down the river, during which Dr. Rixey will give him his first lesson in duck shoot ing. Kermit, the second son, was highly pleased at receiving a silver watch with which he will astonish his schoolmates. Quentin, the baby of the family, wa specially taken with the latest patters of a hobby horse on which he will take his first lesson in "bronche busting." He was also given a drum, which will not b heard, however, until the Dutphin is well under way down the river. He also re

eived a large quantity of toys, mechan cal and otherwise. Miss Alice Roosevelt received a magnificent corsage cluster of diamonds, the gift of her father and mother. These jewels she will wear for the first time at the ball in the White House early next

th, at which time she will make her Gifts to the President.

The number and variety of the gifts rethe White House for several days past, ranks of the District poor and furnishing and will probably continue to arrive until them with the tickets that entitled them to search out the needy and remember New Year Day. Nearly everyone who as ever been at all intimately associated with the President took occasion to send

During the morning and early afternoon everal members of the Cabinet called at the White House and extended the com oliments of the season to the President. Each member of the Cabinet had received an appropriate remembrance from the President, and they all had taken occasion to present him with a gift. Secretary Root was among the first to call, as was

Senator Lodge.

A Trip Down the River. Mrs. Poosevelt decided to take the en-

ire family with her down the river on the olphis tomorrow. The whole Roosevelt family, with the exception of Theodore, jr., dressed for filing, went to Commander Cowles' house luncheon. Later they took a long

norseback ride. They were accompanied by Senator Lodge. Quiet at the Mansion.

Out of respect to the President's wishe there were no callers of an official charicter at the White House this morning with the exception of Civil Service Commissioner Procter, who consulted the President regarding the dismissal of Maclay, who was ordered dismissed from the Brooklyn Navy Yard by Secretary Long. None of the family went to church this norning but later in the day the President will go driving. He was very anxous to accompany his family down the river, but found it impossible to spare the time, and will remain in Washington dur

ing the holidays.

All the members of the Cabinet spent Christmas Day at their homes in this city. The departments were closed, as usual, and few people were seen upon the streets except those attending services in the va-

rious churches. President Roosevelt, in distribu Christmas gifts, did not overlook the little son of the Rev. Dr. John M. Schick, pasor of the President's church. The Presient sent the little fellow a hands narine toy.

SANTA CLAUS BURNED.

Lighting Candles. CHICAGO, Dec. 25 .- Frank Wienschinka vas severely burned while playing Santa Claus at his home, 3759 Wentworth Avnue, last night. He was removed to the

Provident Hospital by the police. Wienschinka dressed up to resembl Santa Claus and, entering the parlor of his home, started to bedeck the tree with presents. After finishing the work of banging the presents, he lighted the candles. In doing so his whiskers became gnited. He was seriously burned

One Little Christmas Victim. PITTSBURG, Dec. 25 .- Edward Brockert.

small boy, while walking downtown for the purpose of buying a Christmas tree last night, was struck by a Fifth Avenue ar and instantly killed. His back was broken and his chest crushed.

SHAW'S ACCEPTANCE EXPECTED.

cline Portfelio. The impression is strengthening that Governor Leslie M. Shaw, of Iowa, will ecome the next Secretary of the Treas ry. He will not come to Washington for vo or three days. He was in conference i Dubuque, Iowa, yesterday with Senato Allison and Speaker Henderson, who

arged him to accept President Rooseveit'

nvitation to enter the Capinet. Governor Shaw then returned to Des doines to consult with Mrs. Shaw regardng the matter. It is understood that he has been convinced that acceptance of the Treasury portfolio would be an advisable tep, but he wishes to allow his wife to ave a word in the matter. Mrs. Shaw is socially ambitious, and it is expected will approve what is supposed to be Governor

Shaw's desire to accept. Governor Shaw has not said as yet whether or not he will accept. To direct uestions on this point he has responded hat he will not say because the place has not been formally tendered him. Gossip comes from Iowa that Governor

haw's accession to the Secretaryship

vill not meet with approval from the minant faction of the Republican party n that State. Governor Shaw belongs to what is generally known as the machin-Hawkeye State Republican politics. The machine was demolished at the Reublican State convention last sur then A. B. Cummins, who will succeed Mr. Shaw as Governor next month, was ominated. This wing of the party bases

ts objection on the ground that Shaw

hould not enter the Cabinet because Wil-

on's chances of remaining might be en-Such a supposition is said by Mr. Wilon's friends to be without foundation and will only serve, they say, to bring ut the fact of the solidity-of Mr. Wiln's position in the Cabinet. They say that he is idolized by the farmers throughut the United States, and that his inence among them makes him the greatst power in the Cabinet as regards the residential election in 1904. Any hostile ove by the Administration against Secetary Wilson would lose President Rooseelt many delegates in the National Conention in 1904 and would react against im strongly in the election if he should nominated. They claim, therefore, that ne will not be disturbed in his present

OVERCOATS GIVEN TO POOR CHILDREN

ANNUAL CHARITY OF SAKS & CO.

One Hundred Destitute Boys Made Happy-Tenth Year of Christmas Distribution-Assisted by Associated Charities.

The advent of Christmas marked the

enth annual distribution by Saks & Co.

of 106 nice, warm overcoats to as many

oor boys of the District, a decade having rolled around since the firm inaugurated this system of dispensing charity. The distribution this year was made nder the auspices of the Associated Charities. To Mr. Frederick Weller, the general secretary of the organization, is erived by the President seemed almost due the greatest possible credit for se-inlimited. They have been arriving at lecting the most destitute boys from the

The extent of the work done by Mr. Weller, in promoting the charity of Saks oys, ranging in age from 4 to 12 years, out he also furnished the firm with a short ketch of the recipient, setting forth reaons why he was entitled to the overcoat. These sketches were much on the follow-

John Brown, colored, four years of age, lives 1100 J Street. Father drinks, and loes not support family. Mother takes in washing to support herself and her three

children.

The Tickets Numbered. The tickets this year were numbered, nstead of having the name of the recipent written on each. This innovation was deemed advisable, to prevent any boy in the rush snatching the ticket out of ome other boy's hand, and getting an incidents of the generosity of those who

overcoat that he was not entitled to, as n former years. Each year Saks & Co. have selected new channel through which to make the distribution. In former years the police and clergy or the schools have been the factors in securing the names of eedy boys. The success of the distribution under the auspicious of the Associ-ated Charifies, has so commended itself to the firm, that the same channel will be sought next year, provided the general

Boys Fitted by the Clerks. The distribution was in charge of half dozen clerks, who fitted the ragged rchins holding the tickets, as conscieniously as though they were making a sale. Mr. Isadore Saks was present, and saw the faces of the little fellows light up as the good, long, and warm ulsters were buttoned up, with appreciation of the gift and of the warmth it would bring

ecretary will undertake the work

had no underwear; others had sleeveless ackets over ragged shirts. It was indeed a panorama in which a ray of sunshine was let in to brighten the lives of the little urchins, and mile them feel that Christmas was a day of rejoicing for the rich and the poor alike.

Among the recipients were children who

Killings in Beaumont, Tex.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 25 .- At Beau ont last night F. A. Mathews shot and killed F. A. Kinney, whose home is in Akron, Ohio, where he has a wife and two daughters. About the same time Will Smith killed Jeff Wilkerson. The killings were the result of trivial quar-

Thirty Hurt in Wreck

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 25 .- Thirty ersons are reported injured in a pasenger wreck on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad, south of Dallas, this morning. The train ran into a burning bridge. The best information is that no one was killed. A relief train has gone to the scene.

Flynn's Business College, 8th and K. Business, Shorthand, Typewriting-\$25 a year.

AT THE CAPITAL

PRICE ONE CENT.

Into All Homes Christmas Brings Good Cheer.

APPROPRIATE CHURCH SERVICES

With Song and Praise the Natal Day is Observed by People of All Denominations - Fea-

tures of the Day.

"Merry Christmas!"

"Same to you!" These words were on a hundred thousand tongues in Washington today. It was the same old greeting, the same good cheer, perhaps intensified-for each suceeding Christmas seems to be merrier than its predecessor, if such a thing is ossible. Today good feeling everywhere predominates; there is joy in hearts which are more accustomed to sorrow han to mirth, and, indeed, unfortunate are they who this day are not affected by

the prevailing spirit of Yuletide. The wheels of industry are stilled, the marts of trade, so congested and busy of late, are deserted, and a reverential hushs over all, broken only by the gladsome strains of Christmas carols, the rippling laughter of happy children, and the oftheard salutations of "Merry Christmas," and "Same to you."

All Business Suspended.

Nearly all places of business, the ores, the shops, the banks, the offices, and the departments are closed and those who tenant them are rejoicing in the ports, the recreations, and the big dinners for which this day is celebrated in grateful remembrance of all that Christ-

Even the grey uniformed carriers of the ostoffice Department, whose duties are always most arduous at this season of the year, are today having a half holiday. The employes of the express and delivery companies worked until early morning listributing the tangible evidences of

ood cheer that they might rest today.

Joy and Good Cheer Abound. The day dawned with skies overcast and cloudy, but this did not affect the eneral feeling of joyousness. The day vas balmy and warm, and occasionally he golden orb broke forth from behind he hazy veil, and smiled upon the scenes below where radiant faces reflected the happiness in which almost everyone rejoiced. The little folk were up long before the dawn and scampern deshabille to the places where hung the well filled hoslery, for old Santa had betowed his donations with generous and

unstinted hand. There was joy in almost every home, in he palatial domiciles of the prosperous and the humble cottages of the poor, for by erganized and individual effort sweet charity had done her utmost to make glad those who otherwise would have had no Christmas cheer. If any were overlooked, and there were doubtless some isolated cases, it was not because the good peountiring energy during the past few weeks

Work of the Charities.

The Associated Charities, the Central Union Mission, the Homeward-Bound & Co. is apparent, when it is known that Mission, the Almas Temple of Mystic he not only selected 100 deservingly poor | Shriners with their donations of 1,500 richly-stocked baskets of provisions, and dozens of other organized societies scattered bounty with a lavish hand. Thousands of proud birds have been sacrificed in order that the hungry might be fed; that their palates might be tickled

with unaccustomed delicacies. Hundreds of business concerns presented their employes last night with turkeys; others bestowed their gifts in money, and it is estimated that the money gifts of the business concerns of Washagton for the Christmas exceed \$200,000. Every employe of the Adams Express Treasury note; the Capital Traction Company presented each man upon its rolls

with a \$2 bill; but these were only minor had the means to give

Day Fittingly Celebrated. The day was fittingly celebrated. In all of the churches there were appropriate services where thousands gathered, and listened to the story of the Christ child old in song and sermon. Holly and evergreen and mistletoe, those mystic symbols of the Yuletide season, were everywhere to be seen, for a Christmas Day without these decorations would have

At most of the embassies and legations here were appropriate observances of the day, in some cases there were big diners, at others Christmas trees. Even among those who do not accept he tenets of the Christian faith there were evidences of a desire while in a Christian city to do as Christians do.

eemed most singular.

ion, and at the homes of the Japanese and Korean Ministers. CHRISTMAS IN THE CHURCHES.

Therefore Christmas was celebrated at

the Chinese Legation, the Turkish Lega-

Appropriate Services Mark the Observance of the Day. While the Christmas services at the

arious Washington churches were well ttended, most interest centred in the Grace Reformed Church, at which Presilent Roosevelt worships. This church was tastefully decorated and there was everywhere an air that betokens Christmas gladness. In anticipation of the President's attendance the congregation, two-thirds of whom were strangers, be gan to assemble shortly after 10 o'clock. and when the service hour-11 o'clockarrived nearly every seat in the little church save that reserved for the President and his family were occupied.

But the President did not come. It is seless to say the strangers were disapointed. The pastor, Rev. John M. chick, preached a very appropriate sernon. He took his text from Luke xi:15: "Let us now go ever unto Bethlehem